USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 11.00, up 6.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs rises as the market moves into the end of the month, a typically good period for consumer demand. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are moving higher on light to moderate offerings and mixed supplies. Trading is moderate. Prices for loose eggs are higher on light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices for breaking stock are firm with offerings and supplies in a light to moderate balance. Demand is moderate to good with full-time schedules. Trading is active. The survey of retail outlets indicates increasing activity for conventional caged shell eggs in grocery circulars with a slight increase in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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Percentage flock in molt

324,463,027 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

1.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock 321,218,397 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.5% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 265,005,178 (total productive flock * lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 74,201,450 (28.00% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 190,803,728 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 530,010 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,382,700 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)

323,306 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 61%))

(808,266 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

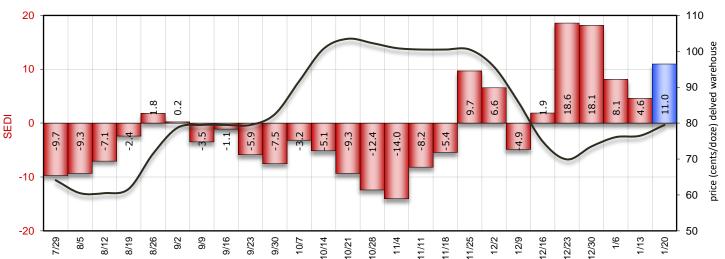
4.75 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

4.28 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

11.00 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type
USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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